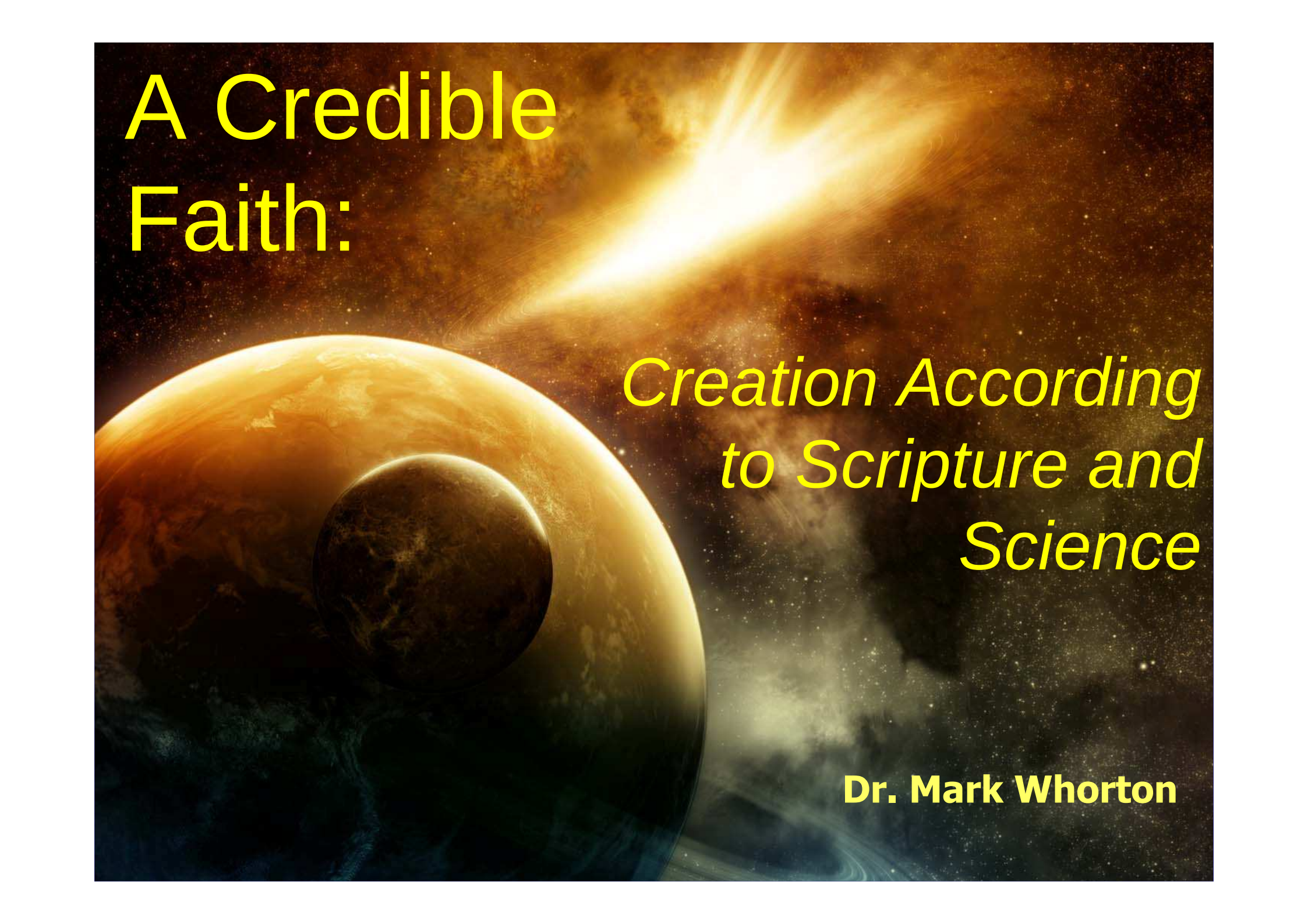




A Credible Faith:

*Creation According
to Scripture and
Science*

Dr. Mark Whorton

Is Christianity Credible



in the 21st Century ?

Atheism says,

*There is no need of, or use for,
a god.*

American Atheists, Inc.
www.atheists.org

Naturalism says,

We are here because one odd group of fish had a peculiar fin anatomy that could transform into legs for terrestrial creatures; because comets struck the earth and wiped out dinosaurs, thereby giving mammals a chance not otherwise available (so thank your lucky stars in a literal sense); because the earth never froze entirely during the ice age; because a small and tenuous species, arising in Africa a quarter of a million years ago, has managed, so far, to survive by hook and by crook. We may yearn for a 'higher' answer—but none exists.

Stephen Jay Gould

Has Modern Science

proven that

Christianity is not Credible?

Credibility Tests for a Christian Worldview:

1. Consistency

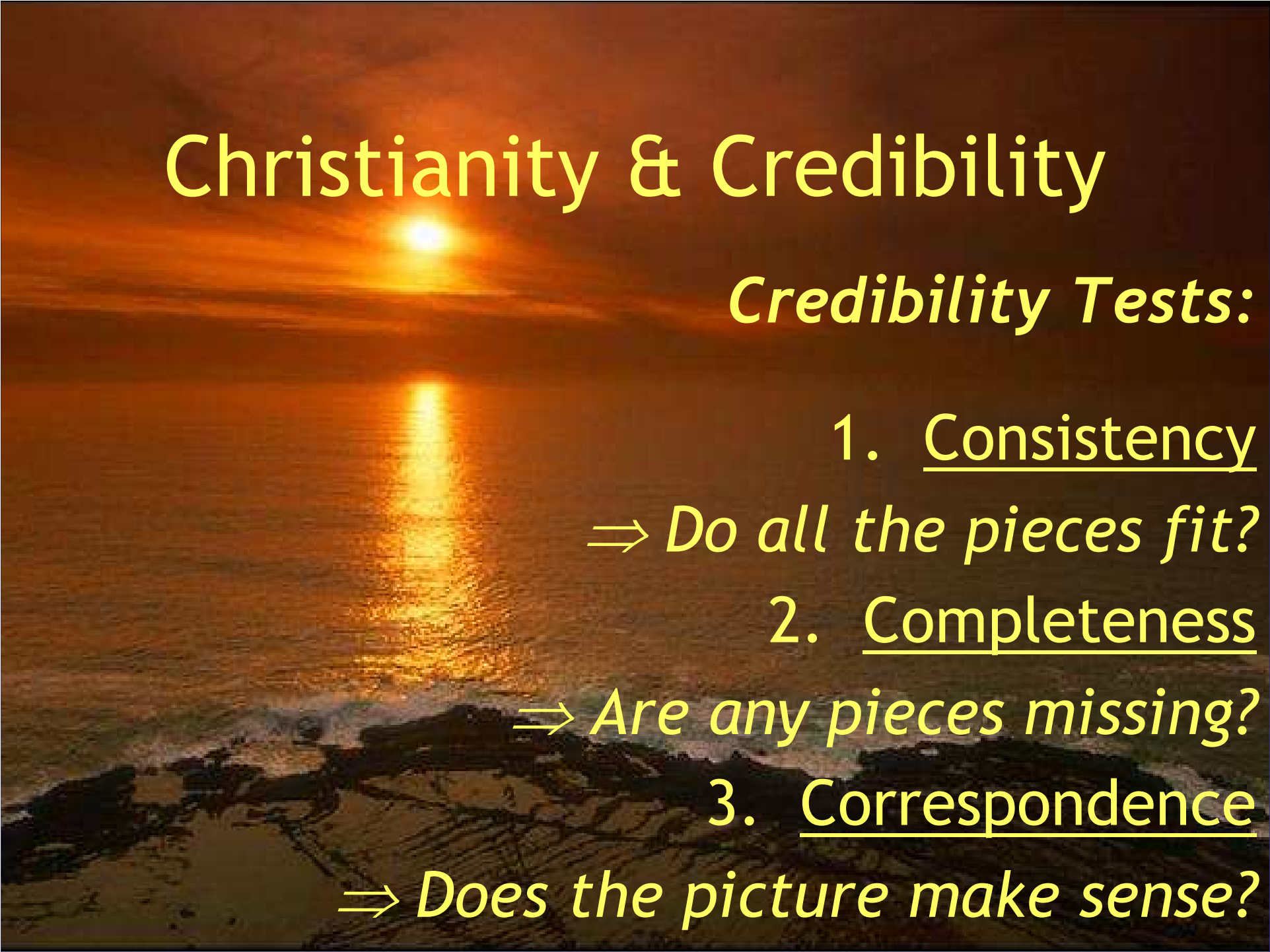
⇒ *Do all the pieces fit?*

2. Completeness

⇒ *Are any pieces missing?*

3. Correspondence

⇒ *Does the picture make sense?*



Christianity & Credibility

Credibility Tests:

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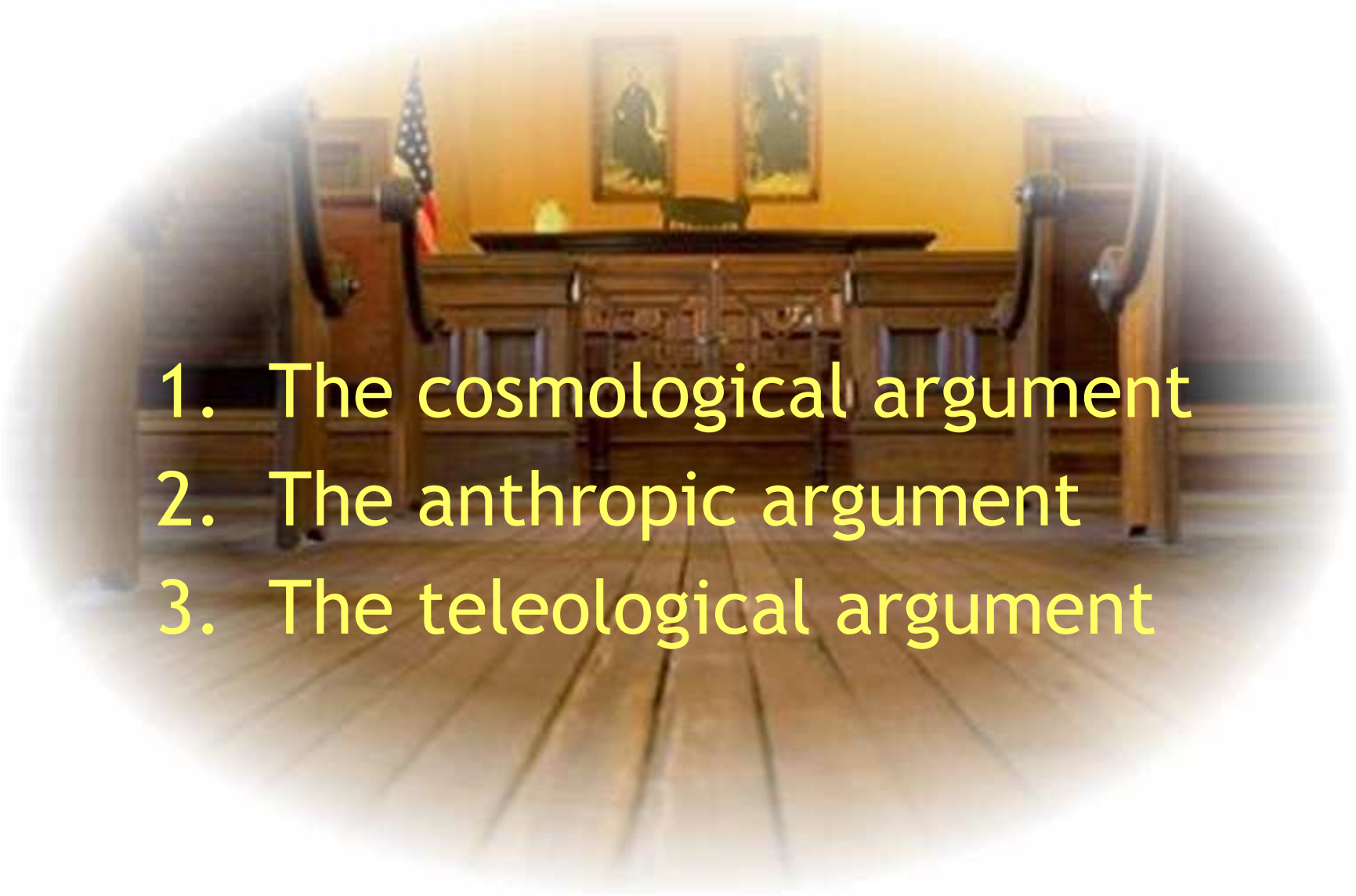
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The Evidence

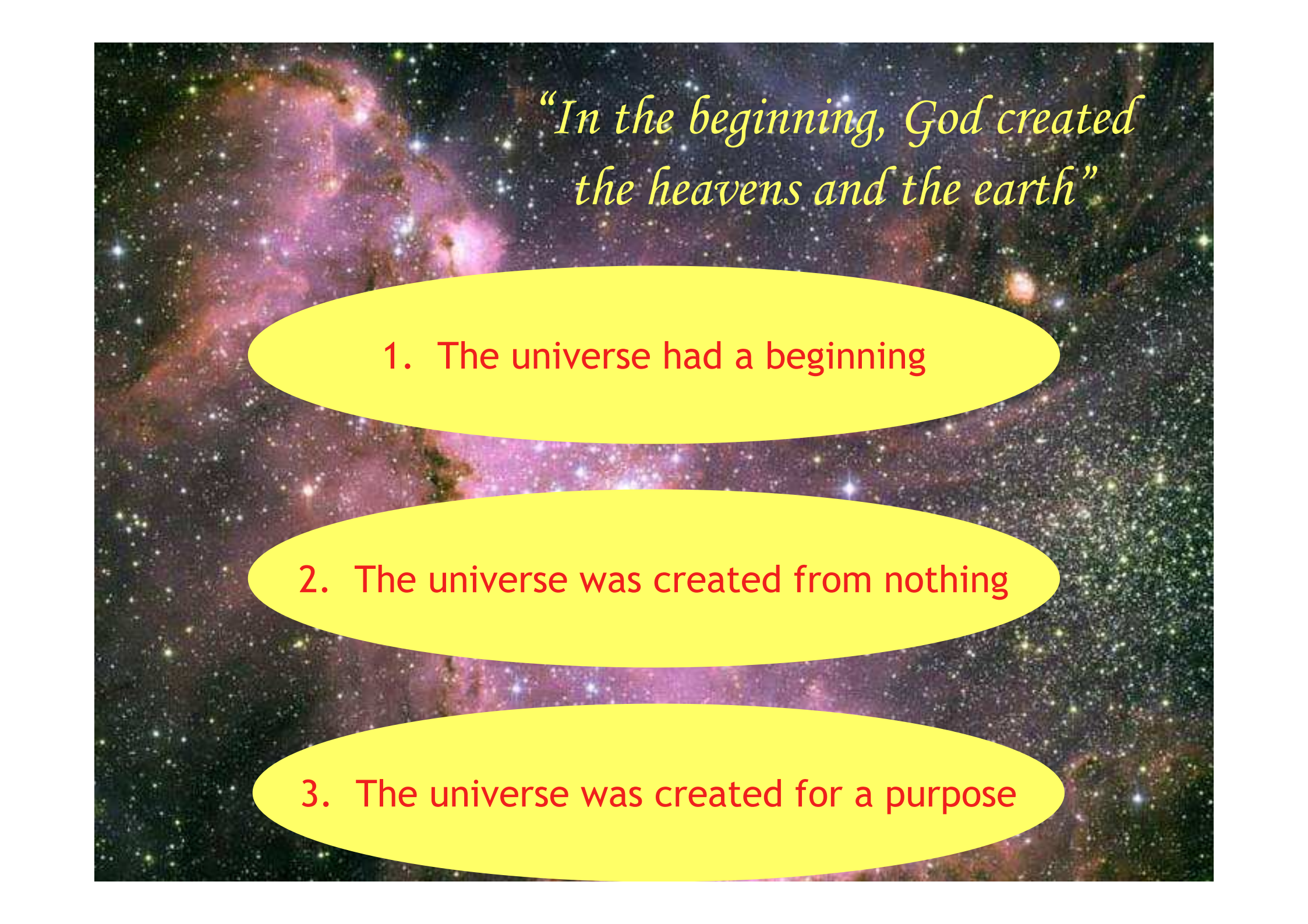
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1. The cosmological argument
 2. The anthropic argument
 3. The teleological argument

The Cosmological Argument:

The Origin of the Universe

The Kalam Cosmological Argument

1. Whatever had a beginning had a cause
2. The universe had a beginning
3. Therefore the universe had a cause



*“In the beginning, God created
the heavens and the earth”*

1. The universe had a beginning

2. The universe was created from nothing

3. The universe was created for a purpose

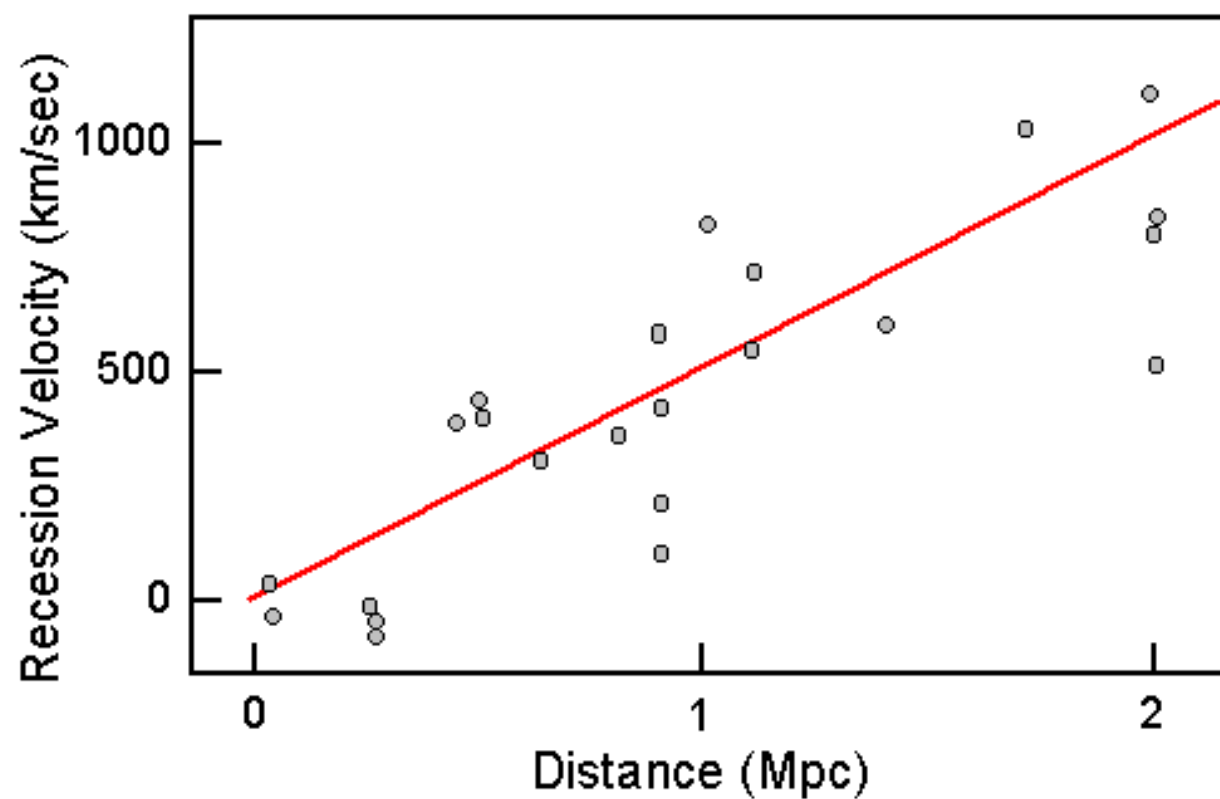
An Eternal Cosmos?



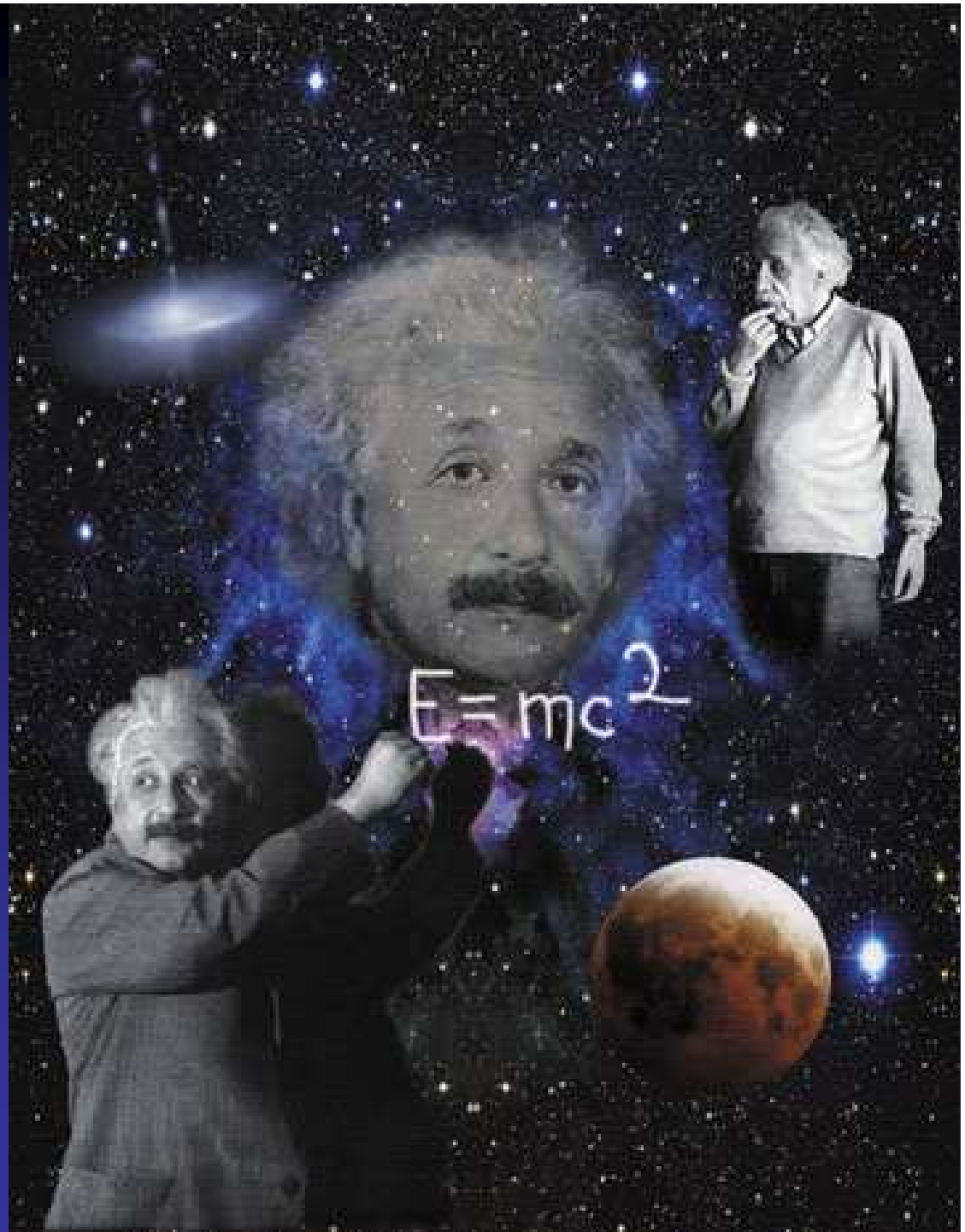
A deep-field astronomical image, likely from the Hubble Space Telescope, showing a vast field of galaxies and distant stars. The background is a deep black, densely populated with numerous small, distant stars and galaxies. Several larger, more prominent galaxies are visible, including a bright yellowish-white galaxy in the upper left, a bright yellowish-white galaxy in the lower right, and a bright yellowish-white galaxy in the lower left. The text "Islands in Space!" is overlaid in the center in a bright yellow, sans-serif font.

Islands in Space!

Hubble's Data (1929)



Einstein's “Greatest Blunder”



A Transcendent *Creator*



⇒ *supernatural cause*

⇒ *eternal cause*

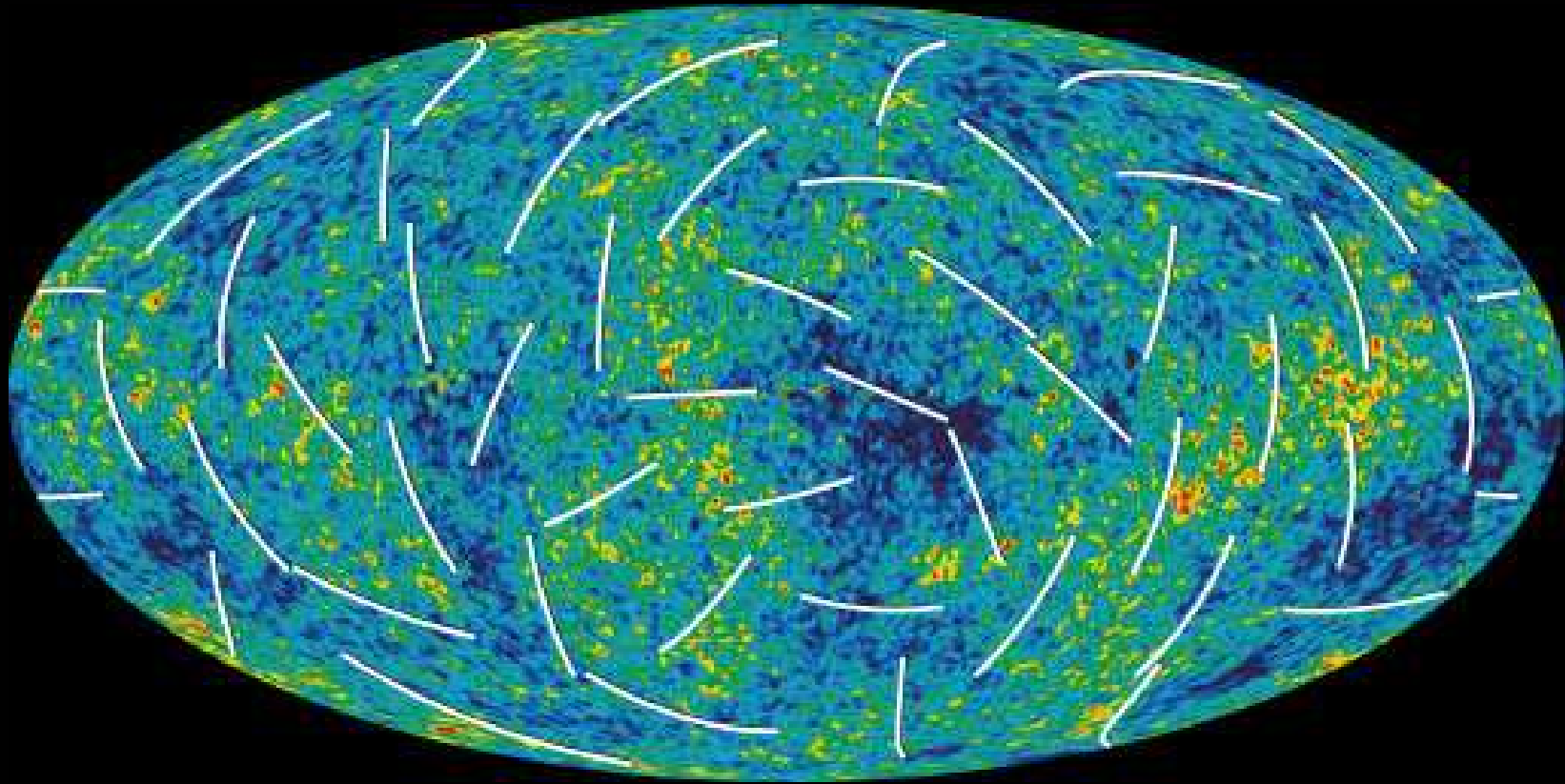
A Sovereign *Creator*



Robert H. Nelson



**“if you are a religious person,
it's like seeing the face of God”**

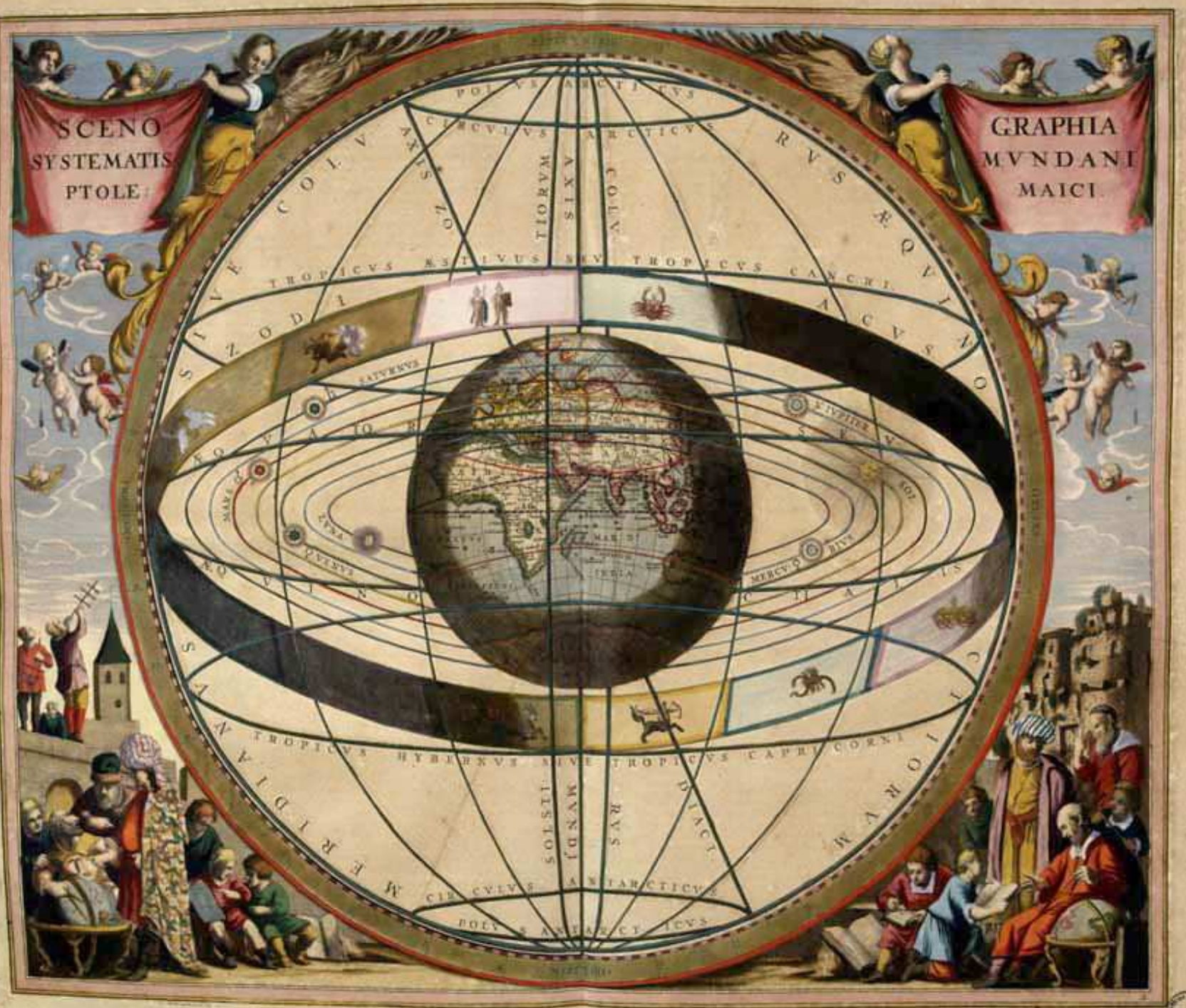


"Astronomy leads us to an unique event, a universe which was created out of nothing and delicately balanced to provide exactly the conditions required to support life. In the absence of an absurdly-improbable accident, the observations of modern science seem to suggest an underlying, one might say, supernatural plan."

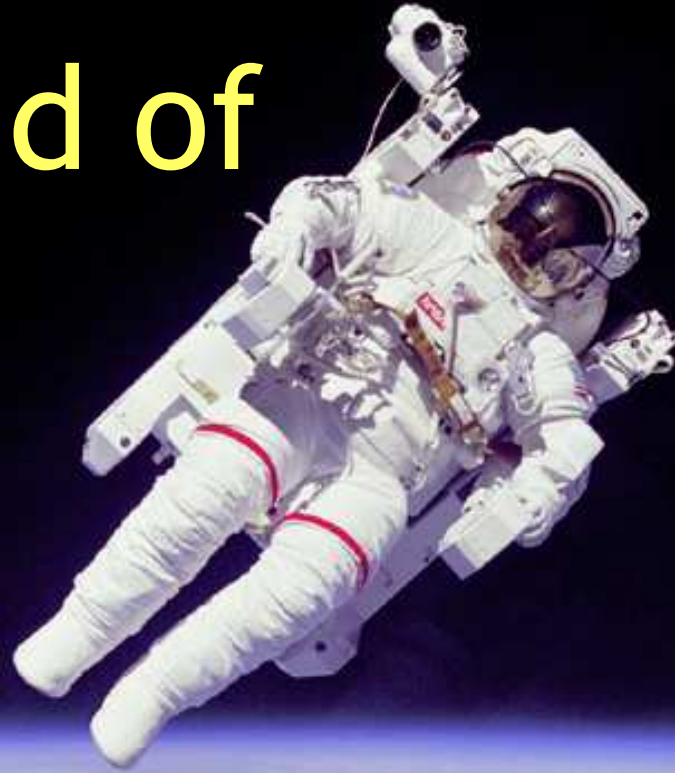
Arno Penzias

The Anthropic Argument:

The Fitness of the Universe



Right Kind of Laws



$$F = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

$$G = 6.6726 \times 10^{-11}$$

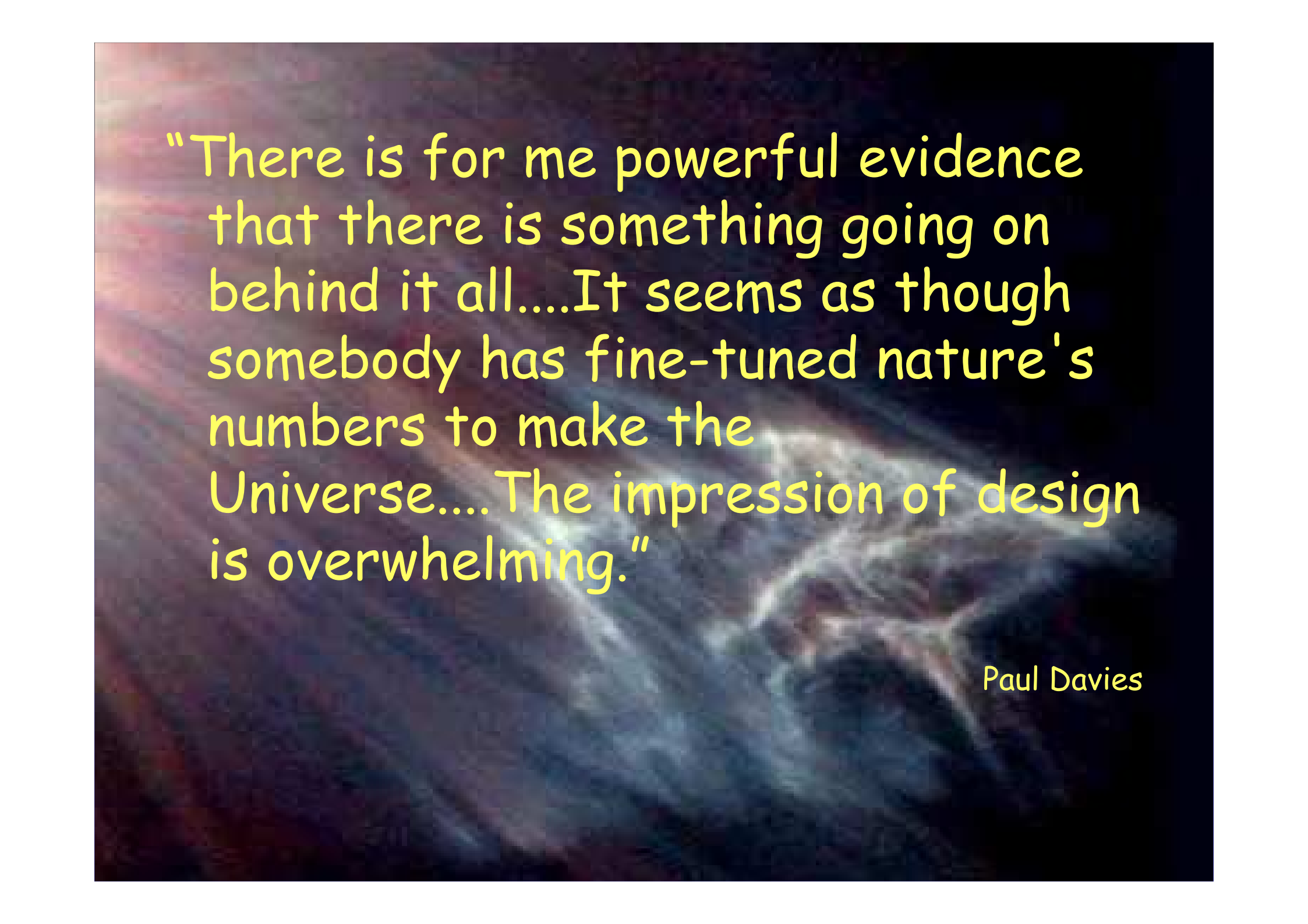
Fine-Tuning in Nature

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Precision</u>
• Gravity	1 in 10^{40}
• Electromagnetic Force	1 in 10^{40}
• Strong Nuclear Force	1 in 10^{20}
• Ratio of Strong Force to Electromagnetic Force	1 in 10^{100}
• Ratio of Protons to Electrons	1 in 10^{36}
• Initial Mass Density and Expansion Rate	1 in 10^{60}

And the list goes on....

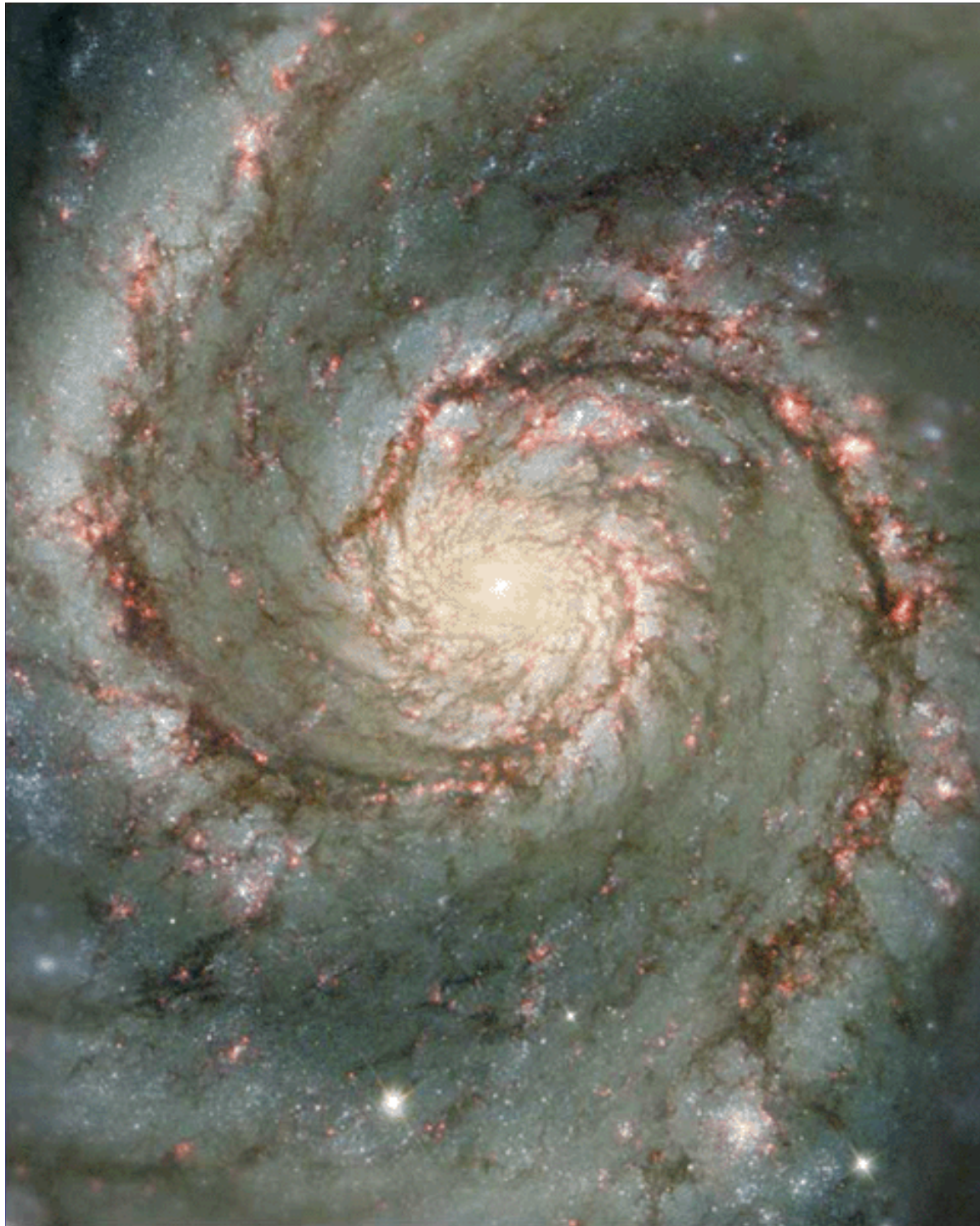
*A common sense interpretation of the facts
suggests that a superintellect has monkeyed
with physics, as well as with chemistry and
biology.*

Sir Fred Hoyle

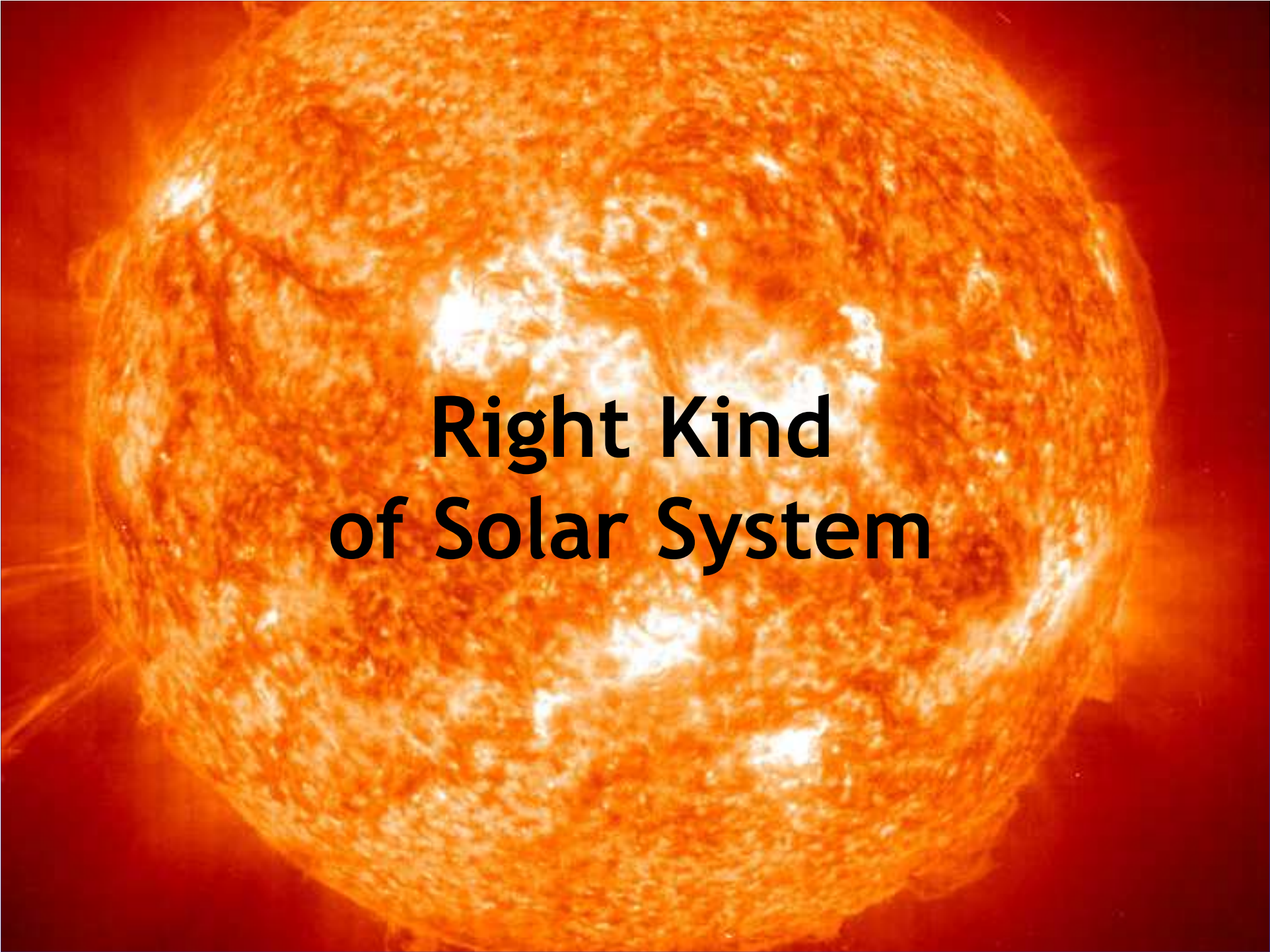
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"There is for me powerful evidence that there is something going on behind it all....It seems as though somebody has fine-tuned nature's numbers to make the Universe....The impression of design is overwhelming."

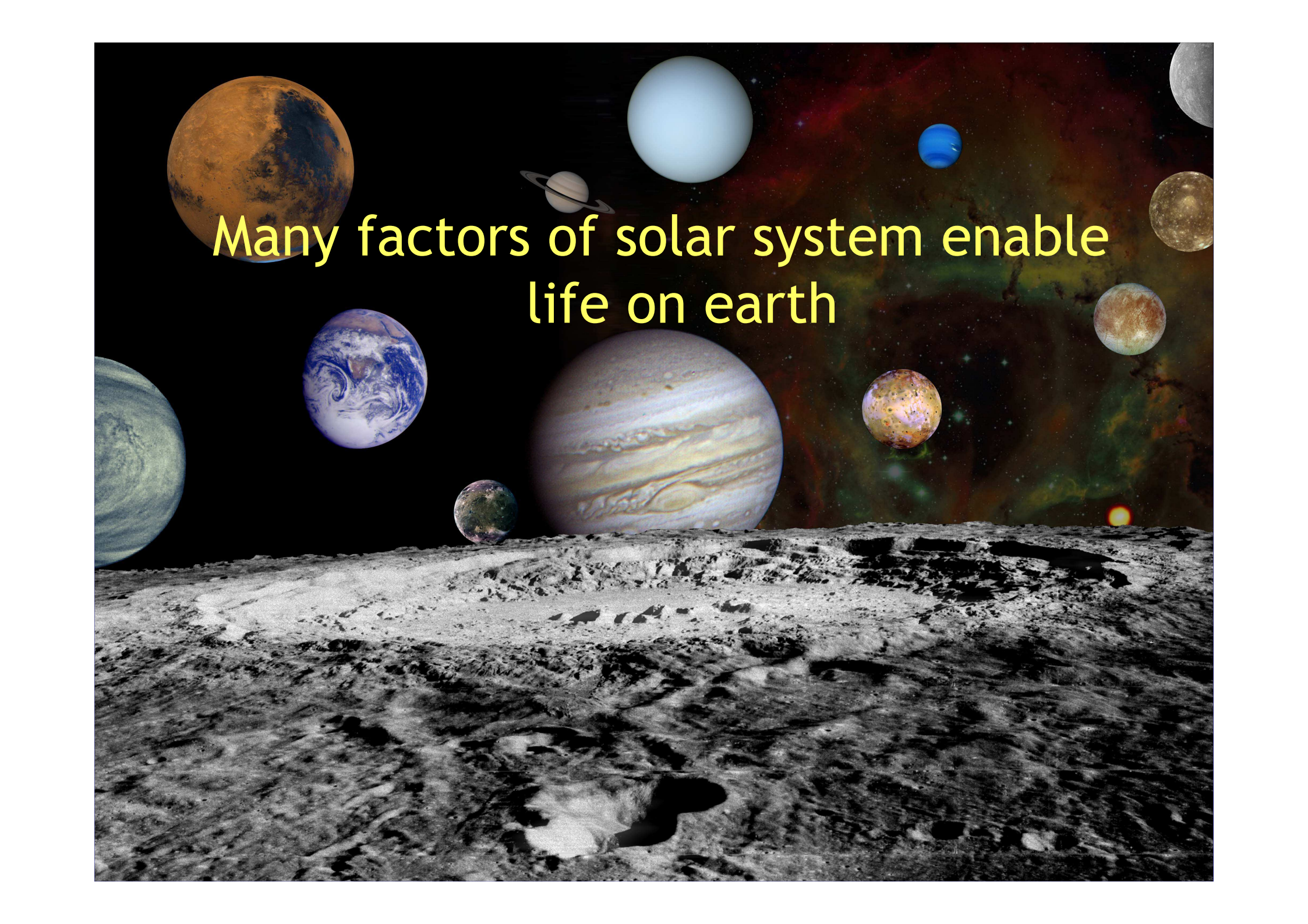
Paul Davies



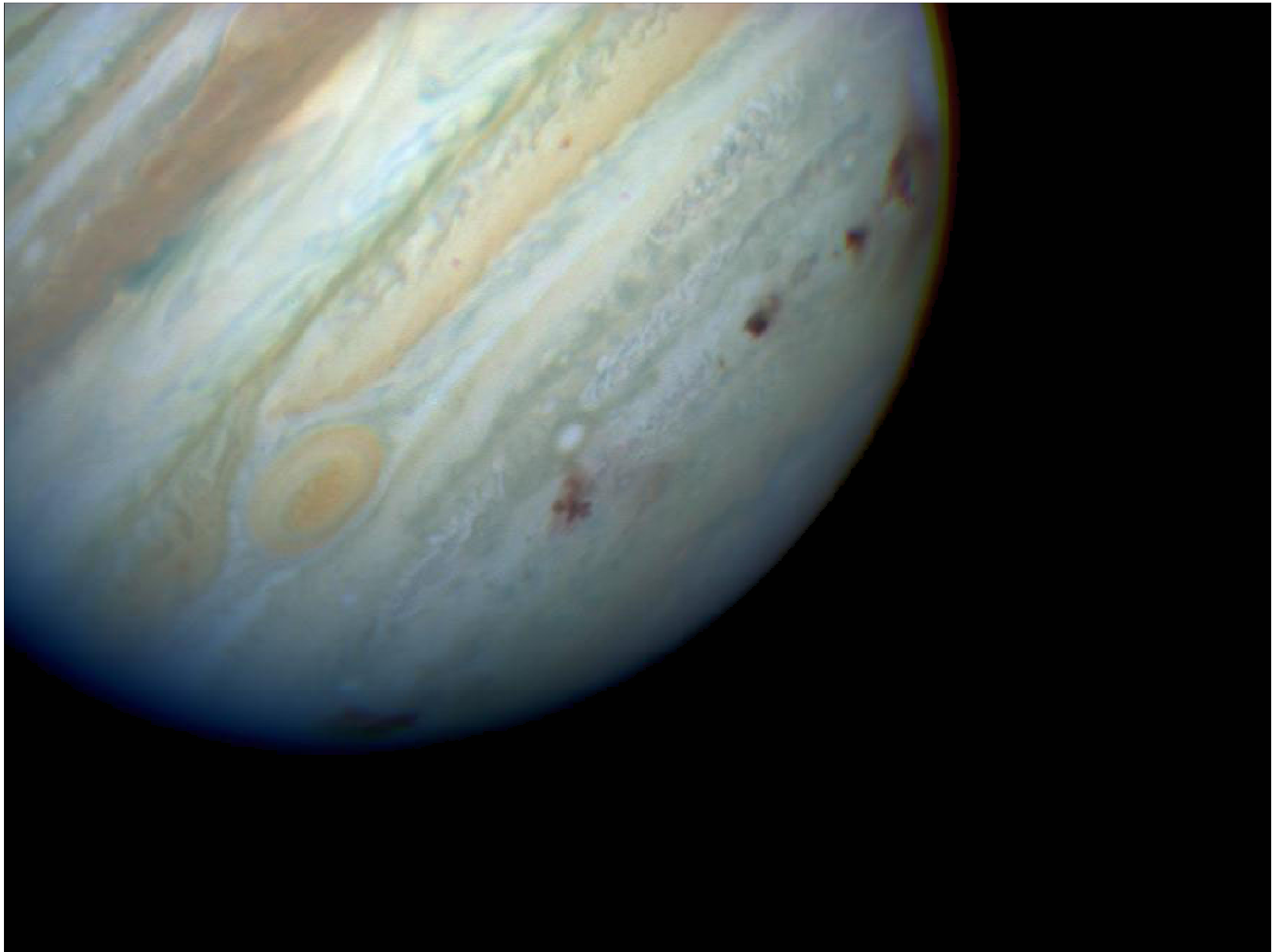
Right Kind
of Galaxy

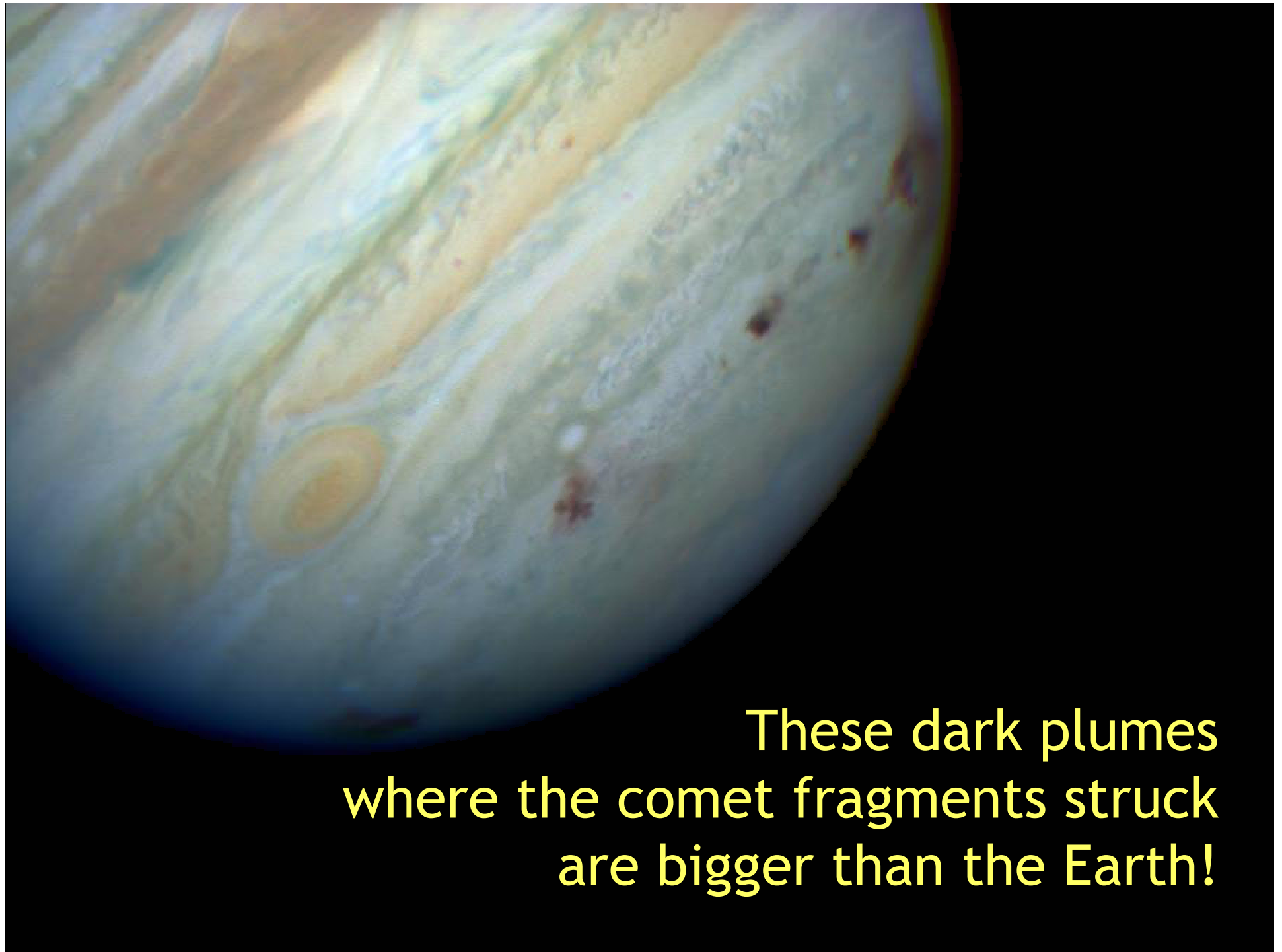


Right Kind of Solar System

A composite image showing the solar system from the perspective of the Moon's surface. The foreground is the dark, cratered surface of the Moon. In the background, various celestial bodies are visible: Mars (reddish-orange), Saturn (white rings), Uranus (light blue), Neptune (darker blue), Jupiter (large with bands), Earth (blue and white), Venus (yellowish), and the Sun (small red disk). The background is a deep space with colorful nebulae.

Many factors of solar system enable
life on earth





These dark plumes
where the comet fragments struck
are bigger than the Earth!



Right Kind of Moon

The Moon has slowed us,
kept us steady,
given us tides,
stabilized our orbit.

Without it,
life could not exist.

Exceptional Earth

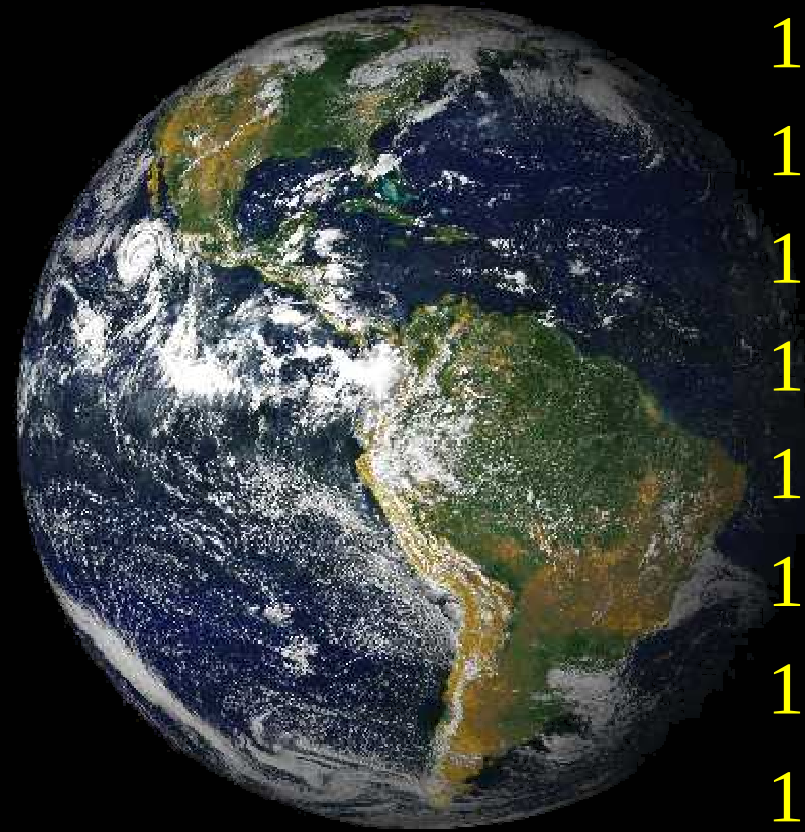


*Our magnetic field
is just right.*

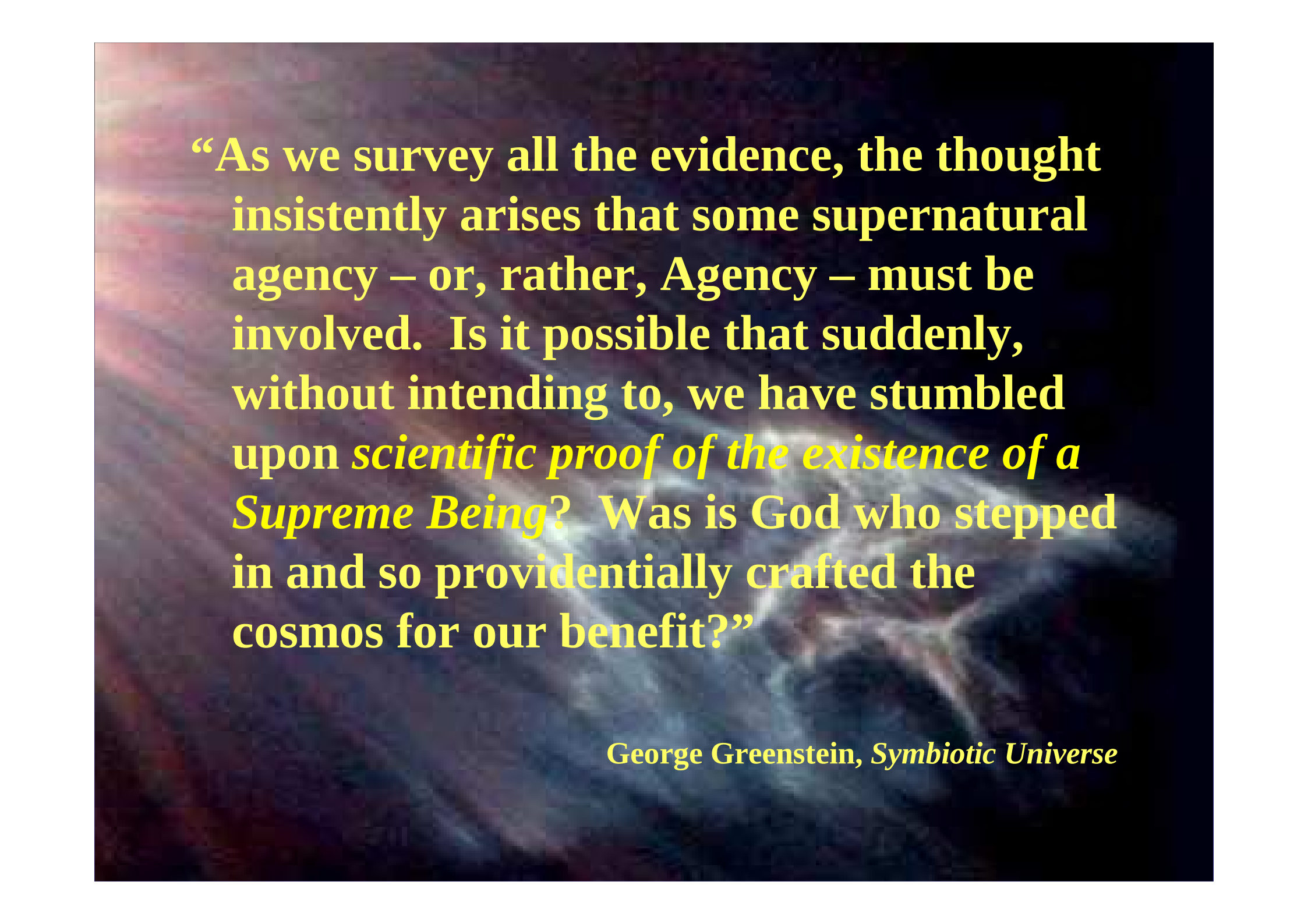


A Rare Earth

- Right Galaxy 1 in 100
- Right place in Galaxy 1 in 150
- Right type star 1 in 1000
- Right distance from star 1 in 10
- Proper mass 1 in 10
- Proper spin 1 in 10
- Proper tilt 1 in 10
- Proper magnetic field 1 in 10



odds? 1 in 1,500,000,000,000 !

The background of the slide is a deep space image featuring a dark blue and purple nebula with wispy, glowing structures. Overlaid on this are numerous white and yellowish star trails, which are curved lines of light suggesting the movement of stars over time. The overall effect is a sense of vastness and cosmic wonder.

“As we survey all the evidence, the thought insistently arises that some supernatural agency – or, rather, Agency – must be involved. Is it possible that suddenly, without intending to, we have stumbled upon *scientific proof of the existence of a Supreme Being?* Was it God who stepped in and so providentially crafted the cosmos for our benefit?”

George Greenstein, *Symbiotic Universe*

The Teleological Argument:

The Origin of Life

Ford finally catches on...



Unraveling the facts of Life

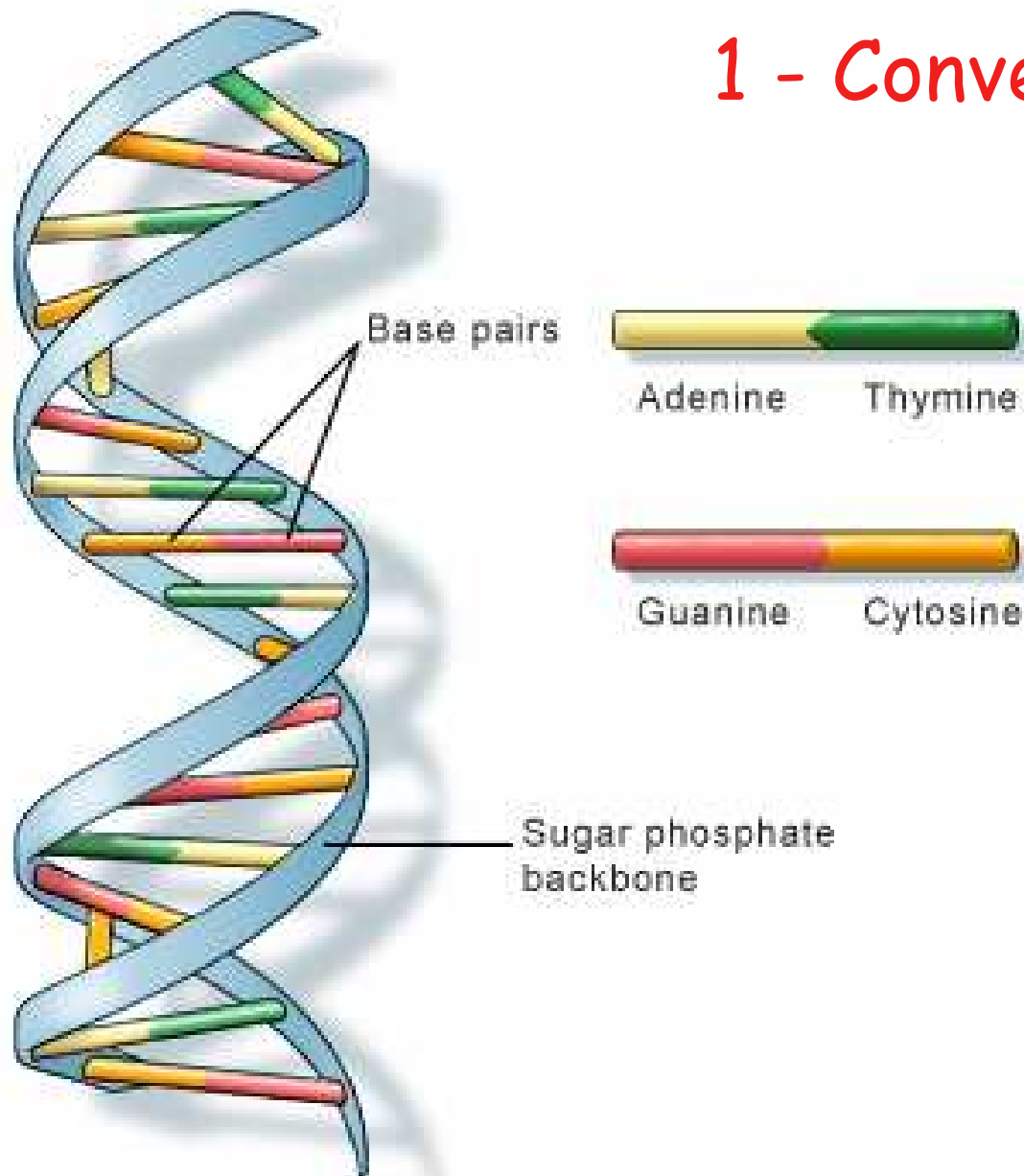


1. Replication
2. Transcription
3. Translation
4. Assembly

DNA's Job:

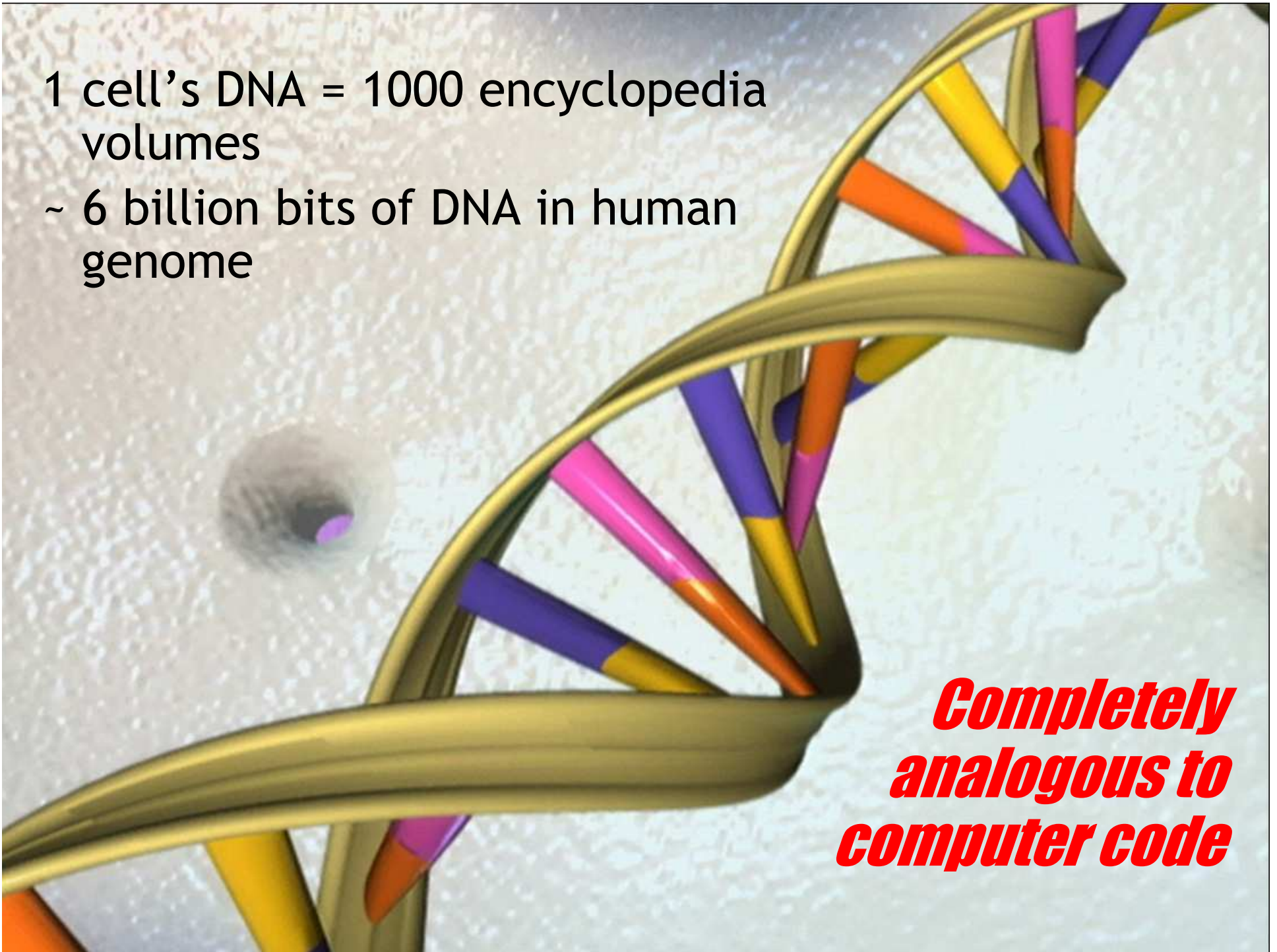
1 - Convey Information

2 - Replicate



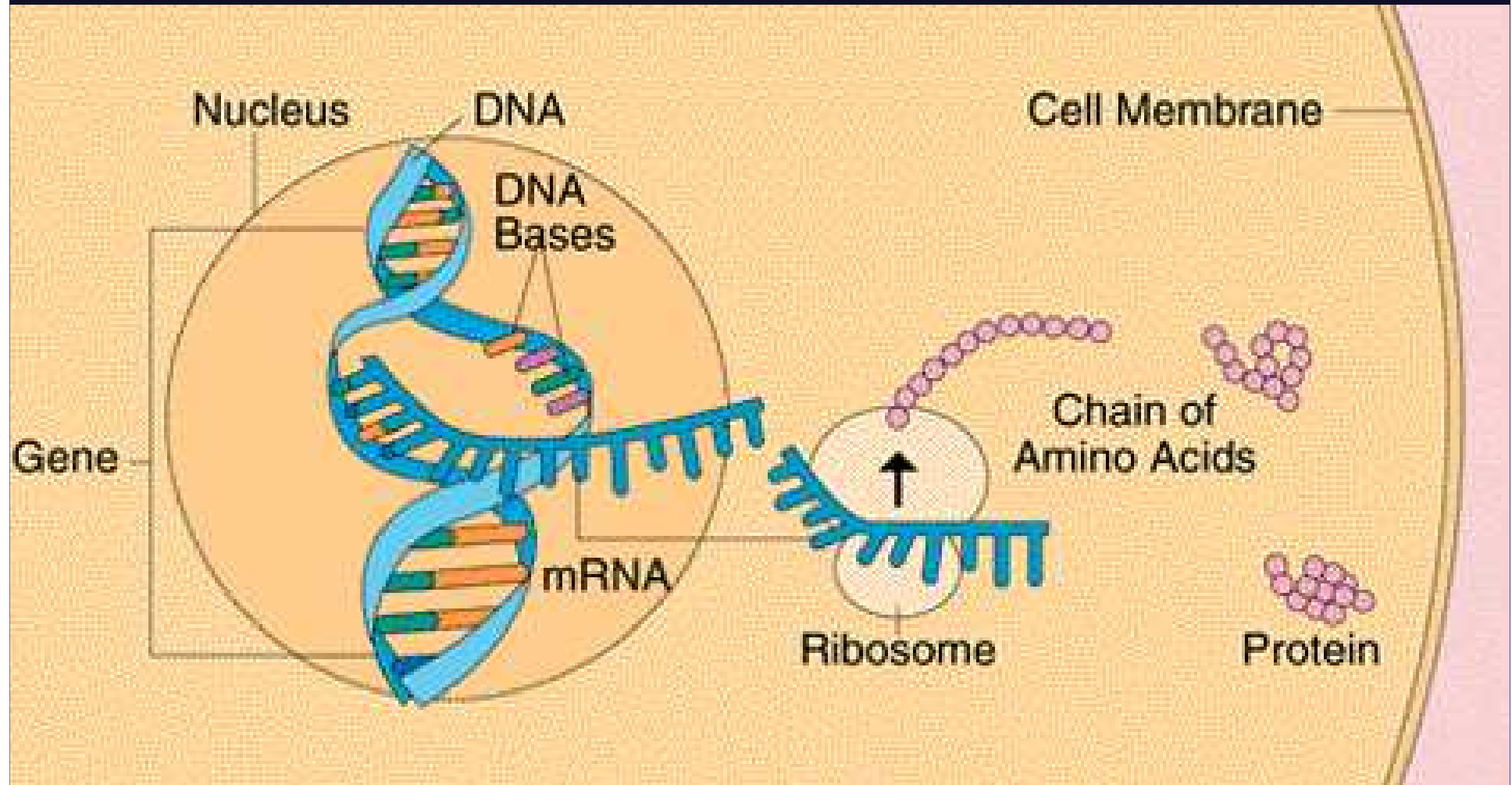
1 cell's DNA = 1000 encyclopedia
volumes
~ 6 billion bits of DNA in human
genome

***Completely
analogous to
computer code***

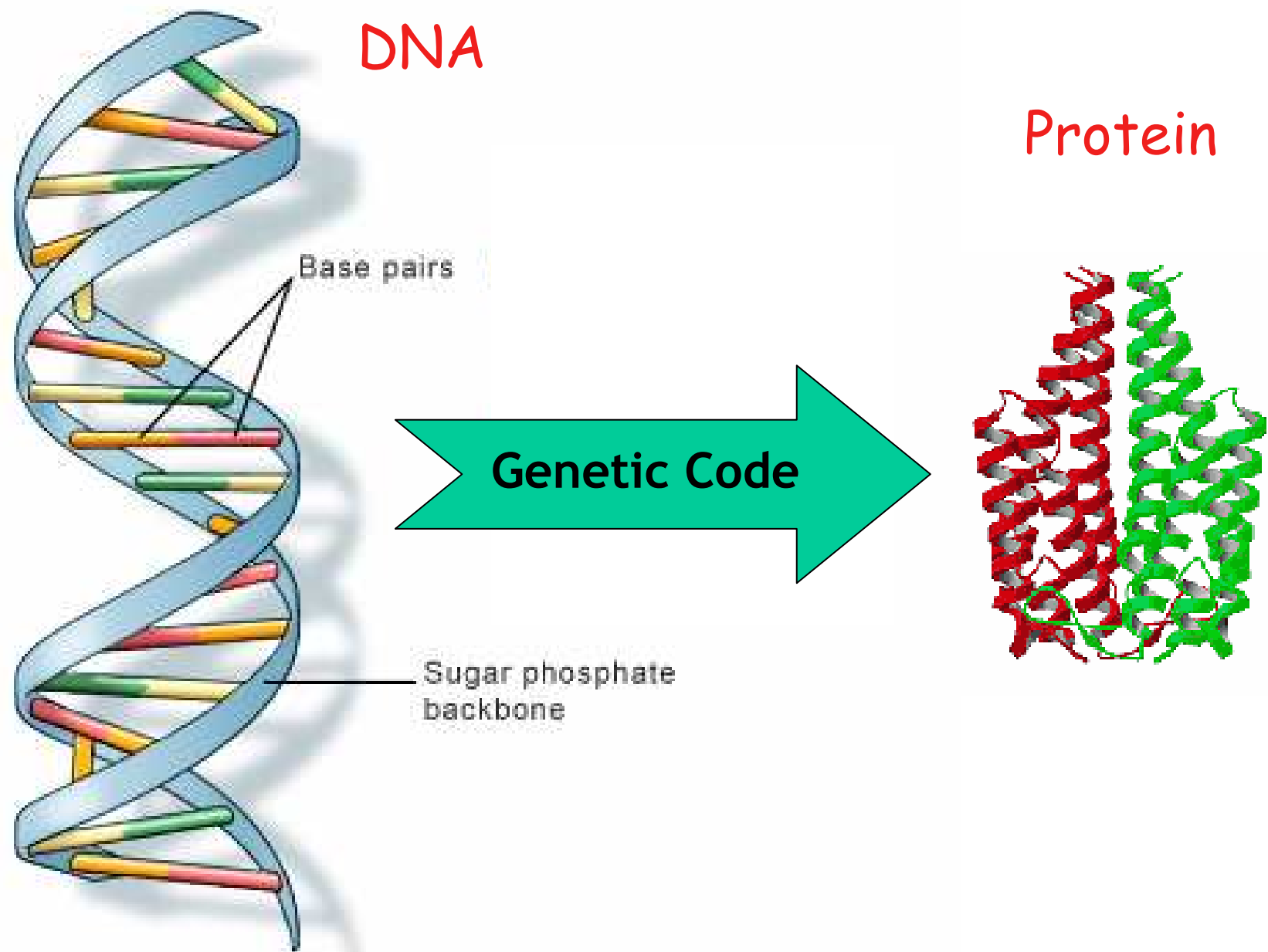


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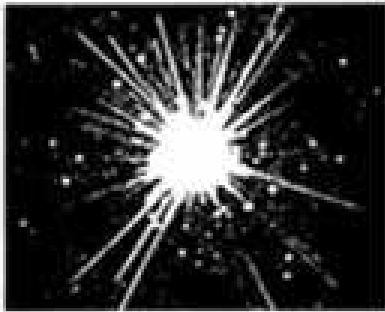
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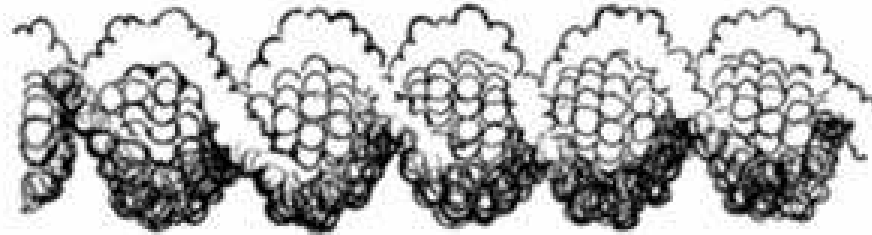
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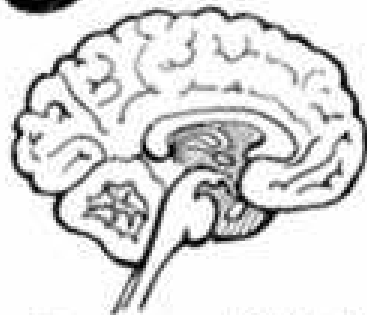
- 1 A big bang
created something
from nothing



- 2 Raw matter randomly became D.N.A.

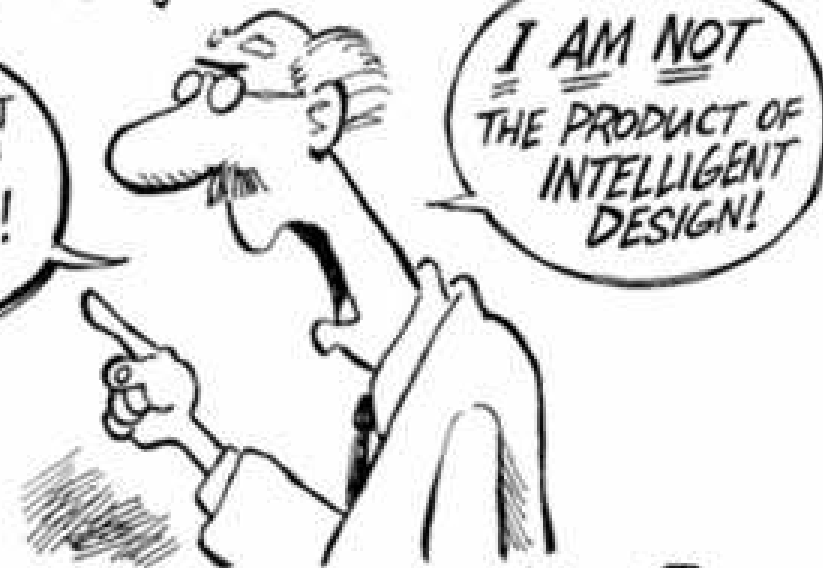
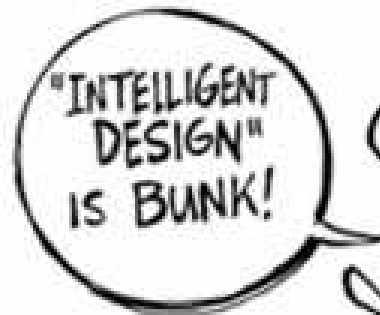


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Random D.N.A.
produced random
brains

- 4 Random brains, in Kansas, produce
random thoughts...



I AM NOT
THE PRODUCT OF
INTELLIGENT
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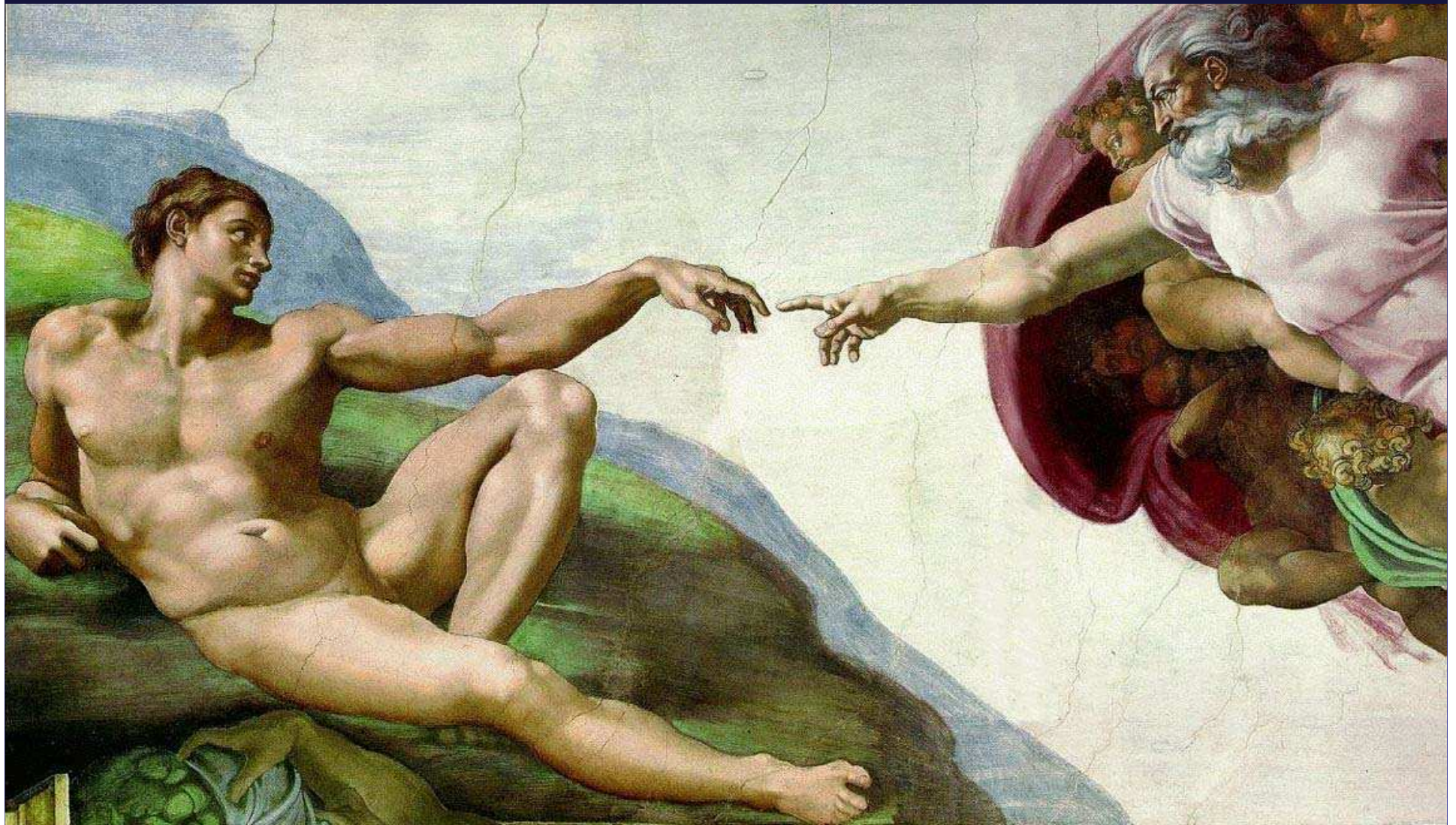
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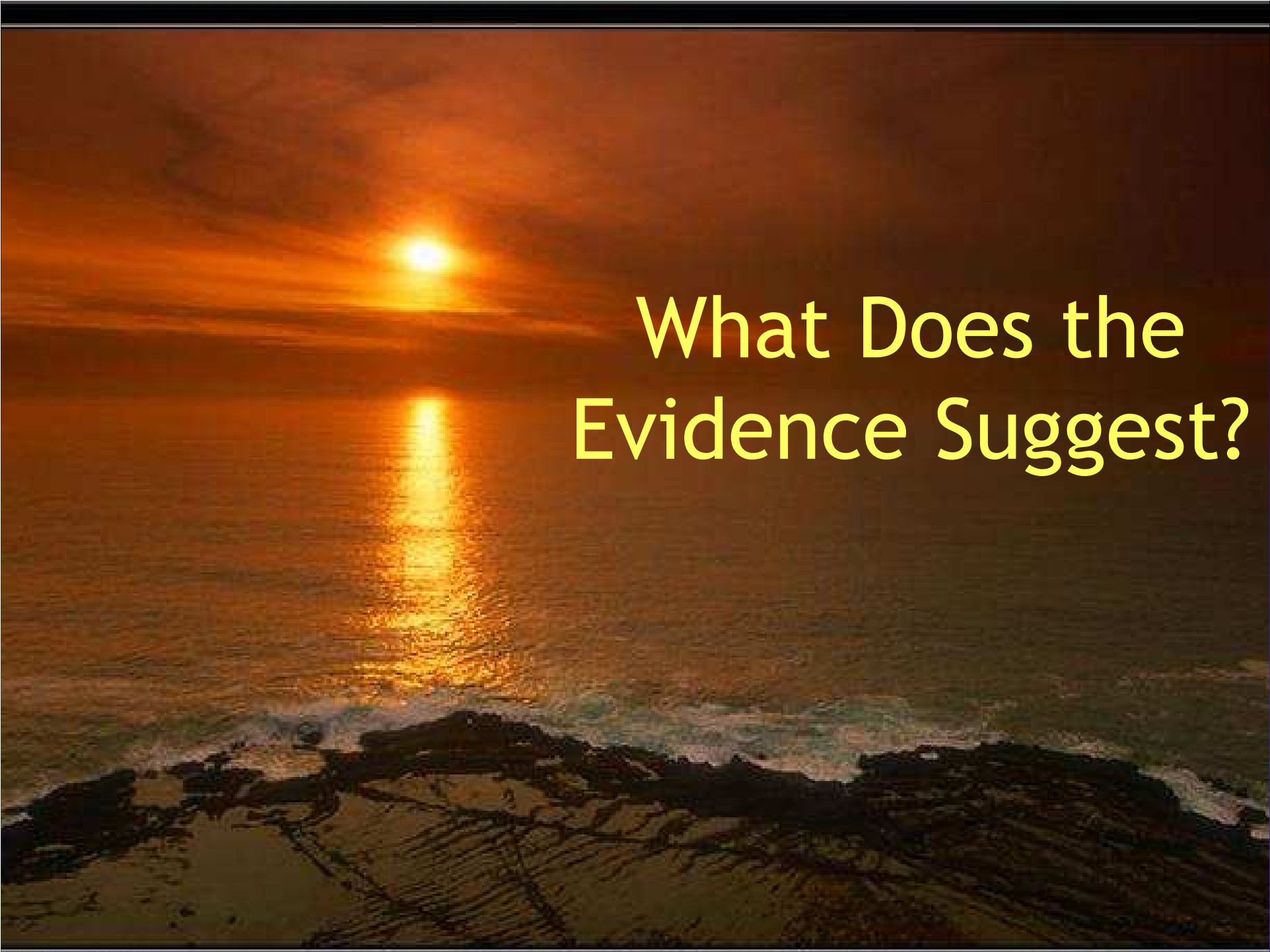


The Big Question:

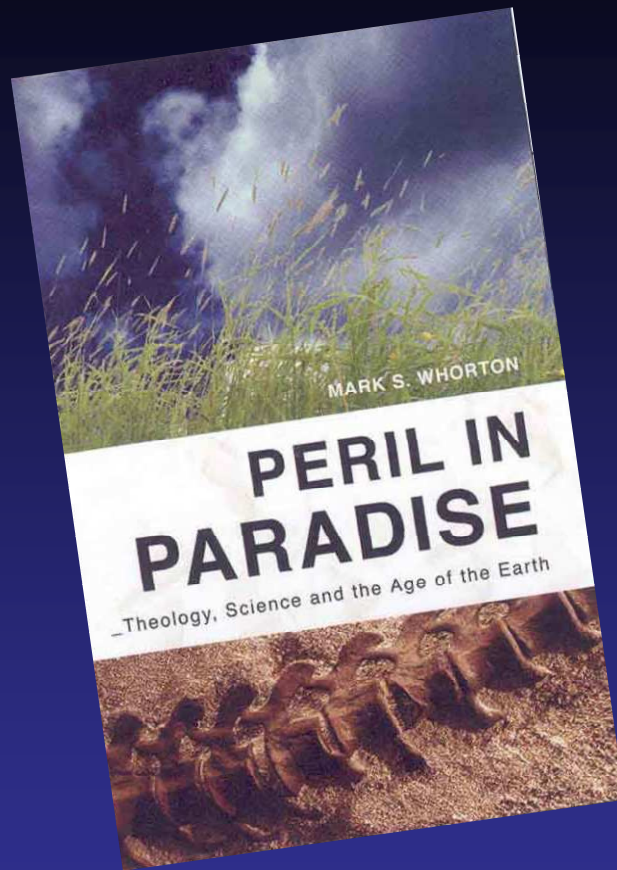
Am I an accident?

Or am I created in the
image of God?



A photograph of a sunset over a body of water, with the sun low on the horizon and its light reflecting on the water's surface. The foreground shows a dark, rocky shoreline. The text "What Does the Evidence Suggest?" is overlaid in a yellow, sans-serif font on the right side of the image.

What Does the
Evidence Suggest?



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